Allocation for education

†639. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the allocation for development, promotion and expansion of elementary education, secondary education, higher education and vocational education during the Tenth Five Year Plan, State-wise alongwith the amount spent and it's percentage to the national income;

(b) whether Government propose to increase the percentage of present outlay being spent on education; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) to (c) State-wise allocations are not made by this Department. Grants are, however, released to State Governments keeping in view the proposals received, availability of resources and progress of utilization of funds earlier released under each scheme. The Common Minimum Programme of the Government pledges to raise public spending in education to at least 6% of GDP with at least half of this amount being spent on primary and secondary sectors. This will be done in a phased manner.

Allotment of land to schools

640. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that large number of unaided recognized schools in Delhi which were allotted land at normal rate by Government have been found violating the condition of providing minimum 20 per cent free admission to the students belonging to the weaker section of society;

(b) if so, the number of such schools; and

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) what action Government have taken against them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) Yes Sir, Govt. of NCT of Delhi has informed that the requirement of providing admission to students of weaker section of society is upto 25% which varies from school to school in accordance with conditions of allotment of land to such schools subject to minimum of 20%.

(b) There are 144 such schools.

(c) DDA has issued show cause notices to some of these schools for cancellation of their allotment of land.

Admission of backward classes in private schools

†641. SHRI RAM JETHMALANI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the policy regarding admission of twenty per cent children belonging to backward classes in the private schools after the order of the Delhi High Court in this regard:

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) whether Government are considering any effective steps at the national level; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MD. ALI ASHRAF FATMI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. However, orders of the Hon'ble High Court of Delhi were for providing 25% admission to students of weaker sections of society in private schools which have been allotted land on concessional rates. In this context, Govt.

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